(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, upto January, 1995 there was shortage of exchange capacity, but with the expansion of C-DOT 400 lines exchange to 1000 lines, all out of turn telephone connections have been provided except one, which is a very long distance case. Rent and guarantee formalities in this case have not yet been completed by the party.

(c) Yes, Sir.

New Scheme for Radio Officers Examination

7022. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wireless Planning and Co-ordination (W.P.C.) Wing of the Ministry of Communications has prepared the new scheme for the Radio Officers exams and has changed/ revised the present syallabus and eligibility criteria due to introduction of Global Maritime Distress Safety System (G.M.D.S.S.);

(b) if so, what are the details of the new scheme and the eligibility criteria and the list of equipments for practical exams for Radio Officer; and

(c) by when this new scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The following categories of certificates and licences to operate ship stations in GMDSS are prescribed:-

(a) First Class Radio Electronic Certificate and Licence.

(b) Second Class Radio Electronic Certificate and Licence.

(c) General Operator's Certificate and Licence.

(d) Restricted Operator's Certificate and Licence.

(ii) The eligibility criteria for admission to the examinations are as follows :

The person shall be

- a citizen of India,

- above the age of eighteen years on the date specified from time to time by the government; and

- has passed all India senior secondary school certificate examination or an equivalent examination conducted by a recognised board/ University with Mathematics and Physics as optional subjects.

(iii) The list of proposed equipments for practical examinations is as follows:-

- VHF/HF/MF Synthesised Transreceiver.

- HF Telex.

- Satcom Standard 'A' Terminal.

- Satcom Standard 'C' Terminal.

- Digital Selective Calling (DSC) (MF DSC-2187.5 KHz, HF DSC) Distress Frequency, VHF DSC Channel 70.

- NAVTEX
- EPIRB
- EGC RECEIVER
- RADAR TRANSPONDER

(c) The scheme is likely to be implemented during 1996-97.

Delivery Post Offices in Assam

7023. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of new delivery post offices opened in Assam, district-wise, during the last three years, alongwith respective dates of their opening;

(b) how many delivery post offices are there in Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and Guwahati at present, with details of areas/localities served, post office-wise;

(c) how many Speed Post centres are there in Assam, alongwith respective dates of opening;

(d) whether Government have decided to shift headquarters of Postmaster General, Assam region from Guwahati to Dibrugarh; if so, progress made in this respect, so far; and

(e) the details of present sanctioned strength of staff and actual positioned strength of postal administrative set up at Dibrugarh, designation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM). (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The details of the Speed Post Centres in Assam along with their dates of opening are given in statement (*see* below).

(d) Yes, Sir. The shifting of the offices of Postmaster General, Assam region from Guwahati to Dibrugarh has been approved and the office is being shifted shortly.

(e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Details of the Speed Post Centres in Assam along with their dates of opening

	Name	Date of opening
National Speed Post Centres Point to point Speed Post Centres	Guwahati	15.11.86
	Silchar	16.8.87
	Dibrugarh	01.12.90
	Tinsukia	01.12.90
	North Lakhimpur	01.12.90
	Jorhat	01.12.90
	Dhubri	01.12.90
	Tezpur	01.4.91
	ONGC Sibsagar	26.10.93
	Dhaligaon	02.05.94
	Golaghat	16.08.94
	Sibsagar	17.08.94
	Karimganj	23.08.94
	Newgong	29.08.94
	Mangaldoi	30.08.94
	Hailakandi	17.12.94
	Hafleng	14.03.95
	Bongaigaon	14.03.95

Telephone Advisory Committee for Dibrugarh

7024. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Telecom Advisory Committee for recently upgraded Dibrugarh Telecom District, if so, by when, and its likely composition;

(b) the details of the present sanctioned strength of staff and actual positioned strength at the offices of Telecom District Manager and Area Director, Telecom, respectively at Dibrugarh designation-wise;

(c) the details of the officers presently posed in the said offices alongwith date of their respective posting, officer-wise and designation wise; and

(d) whether any of the said officers has exceeded usual period of posting at a single place as per the telecom department's policy, if so, the names of such officers and the reasons for allowing overstay to such officers officer-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, Dibrugarh has been recently upgraded to minor telecom, district entitling it to have a TAC. Constitution of TAC is under process and would be formed shortly. Its likely composition is placed at statement 'A' (*see* below).

(b) and (c) The details are placed at statement 'B' (*see* below).

(d) As per Telecom. Department policy no officer in both the offices has exceeded usual period of posting.

Statement A

Likely composition of Telephone Advisory Committee being constituted for Dibrugarh

1. Members of Parliament	2 Members
2. State Legislature	2 Members
3. State Administration	1 Member
4. Corporation/Civic Body	1 Member
5. Press	1 Member
6. Medical Profession	1 Member
7. Legal Profession	1 Member
8. All other Professions like Engineers/Architects etc.	1 Member
9. Trade, Commerce & Industry	5 Members
10. Public, Workers & Others	5 Members
	20 Members